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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

C&SM Intl., a Korean corporation,

Plaintiff,

VS.

T.G.L. TEXTILE INC., a California Corporation; EMMA ROSE APPAREL, INC., a California Corporation; VANILLA MONKEY LTD, a California Corporation; YNJ FASHION GATEWAY, INC., a California Corporation, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

**Case No.:** 

### **COMPLAINT FOR:**

- 1. COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT
- 2. VICARIOUS COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT
- 3. CONTRIBUTORY COPYRIGHT INFRINGMENT

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

Plaintiff C&SM Intl., ("Plaintiff") complains as follows:

Plaintiff creates unique 2-dimensional graphic artworks for use on textiles and garments. Plaintiff owns these designs exclusively. Plaintiff conducts sales of products bearing these designs for profit. Plaintiff's business is predicated on their ownership of these designs. Plaintiff spends a substantial amount of time, resources,

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and goodwill creating, marketing, and selling either these designs or products that bear these designs.

Plaintiff's vendors take Plaintiff's design samples with the understanding that they will only utilize Plaintiff to reproduce said designs, and will not make any changes to Plaintiff's intellectual property. No party is authorized to make sales of products bearing Plaintiff's designs without Plaintiff's express written permission.

Plaintiff brings this action to recover damages for direct, vicarious, and contributory copyright infringement arising out of the misappropriation of Plaintiff's exclusive designs by the Defendants, and each of them.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.
- This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 2. 1338(a) and (b).
- 3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

### **PARTIES**

- C&SM Intl., ("Plaintiff") is a corporation organized and existing under 4. the laws of Republic of Korea, with its principal place of business at NO.1105, Keumkang Plaza, Chung Sa Ro 49, Uijeongbu-si, Kyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea.
- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant T.G.L. Textile Inc., a California Corporation, is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of California and doing business in California, with its principal place of business at 600 E. Washington Blvd. #W-15. Los Angeles, CA 90015.

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- 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant Emma Rose Apparel, Inc., a California Corporation, is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of California and doing business in California, with its principal place of business at 807 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St. #219, Los Angeles, CA 90021.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant 7. Vanilla Monkey Ltd., a California Corporation, is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of California and doing business in California, with its principal place of business at 1100 Crocker St. #400, Los Angeles, CA 90021-2267.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant YNJ FASHION GATEWAY, INC., a California Corporation, dba TRENDYSTYLEWHOLESALE, 1st Street, The Pink, The Hanger, and Sugar Puff, is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a sole proprietorship, organized and existing under the laws of California and doing business in California, with its principal place of business at 800 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 132, Los Angeles, CA 90021-2244.
- 9. Named Defendants, and DOES 1-10, may be collectively referred to as "Defendants."
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that some of 10. Defendants DOES 1 through 5, inclusive, are manufacturers and/or vendors of garments to Defendant, which Defendants DOES 1 through 5 have manufactured and/or supplied and are manufacturing and/or supplying garments comprised of fabric printed with Plaintiff's copyrighted design(s) (as hereinafter defined) without Plaintiff's knowledge or consent or have contributed to said infringement. The true names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise, and capacities of Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 5 are presently unknown to Plaintiff at this time, and therefore, Plaintiff sues said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will

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seek leave to amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of Defendants designated as a DOE is responsible in some manner for the events alleged herein and the damages caused thereby.

- Defendants DOES 6 through 10, inclusive, are other parties not yet 11. identified who have infringed Plaintiff's copyrights, have contributed to the infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights, or have engaged in one or more of the wrongful practices alleged herein. The true names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise, and capacities of Defendants sued herein as DOES 6 through 10 are presently unknown to Plaintiff at this time, and therefore, Plaintiff sues said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that at all 12. times relevant hereto each of the Defendants acted in concert with each other, was the agent, affiliate, officer, director, manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship and/or employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and adopted, or both, each and all of the acts or conducts alleged, with full knowledge of all the facts and circumstances, including without limitation to full knowledge of each and every wrongful conducts and Plaintiff's damages caused therefrom.

### CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN

Plaintiff is the owner and author of a two-dimensional artwork under 13. title "C&SM 31" ("Subject Design"). (Exhibit A).

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- 14. Plaintiff has a registered copyright from the United States Copyright Office for the Subject Design and was granted Registration No. VA0001948951 on February 18, 2015. (Exhibit B).
- 15. Plaintiff formatted the Subject Design for use on textiles, sampled the Subject Design, and negotiated sales of fabric bearing the Subject Design.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, without 16. Plaintiff's authorization, Defendants purchased, sold, marketed, advertised, manufactured, caused to be manufactured, imported and/or distributed fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which is identical, or substantially similar to, the Subject Design. A true and correct copy of such garments sold by Emma Rose Apparel, Inc. are attached hereto as Exhibit C. Such garments sold by Vanilla Monkey LTD are attached hereto as Exhibit D and by YNJ FASHION GATEWAY, INC. are attached hereto as Exhibit E. Said garments include but are not limited to garments sold by T.G.L. Textile Inc. to Emma Rose Apparel, Inc., Vanilla Monkey LTD, and YNJ FASHION GATEWAY, INC., and by Emma Rose Apparel, Inc., Vanilla Monkey LTD, and YNJ FASHION GATEWAY, INC. thereafter.
- 17. At various times Defendants T.G.L. Textile Inc., Emma Rose Apparel, Inc., Vanilla Monkey LTD, and YNJ FASHION GATEWAY, INC. owned and controlled offline and/or online retail stores, and each of them, Plaintiff's investigation revealed that garments comprised of fabric bearing the Subject Design were being offered for sale, garments which were manufactured and/or imported under the direction of the Defendants, and each of them.
- None of the aforementioned transactions were authorized by Plaintiff, 18. and all were in violation of Plaintiff's intellectual property rights.

### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(For Copyright Infringement – Against all Defendants, and Each)

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- 19. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference as though fully set forth the allegations contained hereto, inclusive, of this Complaint.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, 20. and each of them, accessed the Subject Design(s) through, without limitation, the following: (a) access to Plaintiff's design library; (b) access to authorized or unauthorized reproductions in the possession of other vendors and/or DOE Defendants; and (c) access to Plaintiff's strike-offs, swatches, paper CADs and samples.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, 21. and each of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyright by importing, marketing, advertising, creating, making and/or developing directly infringing and/or derivative works from the Subject Design and by importing, producing, distributing and/or selling infringing garments through a nationwide network of retail stores, catalogues, and online websites.
- Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered 22. substantial damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial.
- 23. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial.
- Due to Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged herein, 24. Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would not otherwise have realized but for their infringement of the Subject Design(s). As such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits directly and indirectly attributable to Defendants' infringement of the Subject Design in an amount to be established at trial.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, 25. and each of them, have committed acts of infringement alleged herein with actual or constructive knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that Plaintiff is entitled to a finding of willful infringement.

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### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(For Vicarious Copyright Infringement – Against All Defendants)

- 26. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference as though fully set forth the allegations contained hereto, inclusive, of this Complaint.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, 27. and each of them, are vicariously liable for the infringement alleged herein because they had the right and ability to supervise the direct infringing conduct by their authority, ability, and/or control to request, change, suggest, or decline the design featured on the accused garment.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that the 28. Defendants had a direct financial interest in the infringer's activity by profiting from featuring the desirable Subject Design(s) on the accused garment while declining to exercise their right and/or obligation to stop or limit the infringement by requesting, changing, or suggesting a different design or declining to buy the garment featuring the Subject Design.
- 29. By reason of the Defendants', and each of their, acts of vicarious infringement as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer substantial damages to its business in an amount to established at trial, as well as additional general and special damages in an amount to be established at trial.
- 30. Due to Defendants' acts of vicarious copyright infringement as alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would have not otherwise realized bur for their infringement of the Subject Design(s). As such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits directly and indirectly attributable to Defendants' infringement of the Subject Design, an amount to be established at trial.
- 31. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, have committed acts of infringement alleged herein with actual or

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constructive knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that Plaintiff is entitled to a finding of willful infringement.

### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Contributory Copyright Infringement– Against All Defendants)

- Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference as 32. though fully set forth the allegations contained hereto, inclusive, of this Complaint.
- 33. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, knowingly induced, caused, materially contributed to, participated in, encourages, aided and abetted in and resultantly profited from the illegal reproduction, importation, purchase, marketing, advertising, distribution and/or sales of product featuring the Subject Design(s) as alleged herein above.
- By reason of the Defendants', and each of their, acts of contributory 34. copyright infringement as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer substantial damages to its business in an amount to established at trial, as well as additional general and special damages in an amount to be established at trial.
- 35. Due to Defendants' acts of contributory copyright infringement as alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would have not otherwise realized bur for their infringement of the Subject Design(s). As such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits directly and indirectly attributable to Defendants' infringement of the Subject Design(s), an amount to be established at trial.
- 36. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, have committed acts of infringement alleged herein with actual or constructive knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that Plaintiff is entitled to a finding of willful infringement.

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### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against all Defendants as follows: Against All Defendants With respect to Each Claim for Relief:

- That Defendants, their agents and servants be enjoined from infringing 1. Plaintiff's copyrights in any manner;
- That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants plus all losses of 2. Plaintiff, the exact sum to be proven at time of trial as available under 17 U.S.C. § 504(b), or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 504(c);
- 3. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
  - 4. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
  - 5. That Plaintiff be awarded costs of litigation; and
- That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the 6. Court deems proper.

## DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b), Defendant demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

**DATED**: May 26, 2017 LPL LAWYERS

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